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TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD R. PRESIDENT)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO INDONESIA AND THE PHILIPPINES

1. YOU HAVE BEEN INFORMED THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS AND HAVE PRESUMABLY TOLD GOI ABOUT DELAY IN ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT'S EAST ASIAN TRIPS.

2. REQUEST YOU GET WORD TO PRESIDENT SUHARTO THAT WE VERY MUCH REGRET THIS DELAY WHICH MAY EXTEND FOR NINE OR TEN DAYS. IN APOLOGIZING TO SUHARTO FOR THE INCONVENIENCE CAUSED, YOU MAY CONFIRM PRESIDENT FORD'S INTENTION TO VISIT JAKARTA ON THE ORIGINAL DATES, DECEMBER 5-6, AND ASSURE HIM THAT WE WILL PROVIDE THE GOI WITH A NEW ANNOUNCEMENT DATE BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE WILL BE SOME UNAVOIDABLE PRESS SPECULATION; IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES, WE ARE USING THE FOLLOWING LINE: "PLANNING FOR THE PRESIDENT'S
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TRIP IS CONTINUING AND AS SOON AS WE HAVE COMPLETED ALL THE

DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS, WE WILL MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT. (IF
ASKED WHETHER THE PRESIDENT WILL VISIT THE PHILIPPINES AND
INDONESIA); DETAILS OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO EAST ASIA
ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT."

3. WE RECOGNIZE THE DIFFICULTIES OF DELAY BUT WOULD
APPRECIATE GO'S REFRAINING FROM ANY PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENT.
PLEASE CONFIRM ACCEPTABILITY OF DELAY. KISSINGER

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